

## Message

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**CC:** Mikalian, Charles [mikalian.charles@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Prep for meeting on 1/15

Thanks for the heads up on the editorial Bruce. So, Rosemary reports news and pens editorials? Interesting. Is anyone free for a call today? I am on the clock until 2 pm central.

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**From:** Merchant, Bruce [mailto:MerchantB@kalamazoocity.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 31, 2015 9:37 AM  
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Michael -

Thanks for the agenda. I think all those items are appropriate to discuss on the 15th. The City will be fresh off their meeting with BioPath on January 13th as well. This will hopefully give us a good jumping off point for the last item you listed.

As to the first two items, also excellent items to discuss. I would suggest to City staff (Eric and Sue) that the City Attorney's Office be contacted about these items. It may be helpful to have John Kneas present at the meeting on the 15th, if he is available.

As a heads-up, the Kalamazoo Gazette will be publishing an editorial piece on the Allied Site - likely for this Sunday's (January 3, 2016) paper. It should be available on the mLive website possibly as early as Friday or Saturday. I spoke briefly with Rosemary about it and I told her the City was meeting with BioPath representatives on January 13. She indicated that the editorial would be "favorable" in the sense that the Gazette is supportive of any alternative that could lead to more removal of the waste. A laudable goal on a road fraught with peril!

Happy New Year, one and all!

Bruce

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**From:** Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** Prep for meeting on 1/15

All,

I want to let you know that we are bringing DOJ to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to talk about the city's long-term role at the OU1 and how things might play out. To that end, I'd like to put out some agenda topics for our meeting.

1. Panelyte PPA (We want to have a significant discussion on this, so please send us a status of the PPA prior to the meeting)
2. Long-term City role

- a. How it might be legally memorialized.
  - b. What tasks the city might agree to conduct
3. How we want to engage with BioPath.

Thanks,  
Michael

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